

California Rural Crime Prevention Program and The ACTION Project

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Office of Emergency Services

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- **Agricultural criminals strike whenever and wherever there is opportunity;**
- **Farms and ranches are often isolated in rural areas and are frequently easy prey for the unscrupulous;**
- **Such crimes often go undetected ... yet, the economic and human impact is great.**

The **California Rural Crime Prevention (CRCP) Program** is hailed by law enforcement officials across the nation as the national model for addressing agricultural crime. Great strides have been made in stemming the increasing tide of agricultural crime, but the full potential of this nationally unique program is yet to be reached. As one of the few crime programs directed at rural areas, **CRCP** exists not only as a grant project, but as a major shift in awareness and action by utilizing crime data analysis, advanced technologies in detection, evidence gathering, communications, and human networking. Virtually all agricultural crime units are linked via state-of-the-art communication equipment. Units are partners in the companion, federally-funded **Agricultural Crime Technology Information and Operations Network (ACTION) Project**, and participate in the **ACTION** agricultural crime database/crime analysis system; the only system of its kind in the nation.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Nothing is more at the heart and core of our economy than our **agriculture** and food industry. One in eight Americans works in this sector. It is a sprawling industry that encompasses a half-billion acres of croplands, thousands of feedlots, countless processing plants, warehouses, research facilities, and factories for ingredients, ready-to-eat foods and packaging, and a distribution network that brings food from around the nation and around the world into neighborhood markets and restaurants via virtually every mode of transportation.
- Nationally, agriculture is a **\$13 trillion+ economic sector** that creates **one-sixth of our gross national product**.
- The State of **California** is our **nation's #1 producer of agricultural products**, valued at **\$28 billion**, with **California leading the nation in agricultural production for more than 50 years**.
- California's agricultural industry contributes over **\$100 billion** to the U.S. economy. Farmland is a precious and renewable resource in the Golden State. **California ranks sixth in the average value of farmland**.
- **California** is the **leading farm exporter in the nation** with **\$6.5 billion** in agricultural exports in 2001.

YOU ARE INVITED:

The Office of Emergency Services invites you to learn more about the **CRCP** program and database system, at a presentation by a highly-regarded expert on the topic, William Yoshimoto. Mr. Yoshimoto joined the Tulare County District Attorney's Office in 1977 and is currently a Supervising Attorney. He developed and is the Project Director for the OES-funded **California Rural Crime Prevention Program**. He also created and is the Project Director for the federally-funded Agricultural Crime Technology Information Network (ACTION) Project, a unique program that addresses agricultural crime prevention on a regional level.

Seating is limited to 100 persons.

If you wish to attend this free presentation, please contact Ann Saldubehere at ann.saldubehere@oes.ca.gov or at 916-324-9225 by June 9, 2006.